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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR BECKER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PFOR, PINS, PINT, PORO, EAID, EFIN, HO
SUBJECT: PRIORITY ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: STATE 124544

1. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE MY PERSONAL AND PRIORITY ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DIRECT THE EMBASSY'S WORK IN THIS AREA.
 2. EVER SINCE I ARRIVED AT THIS MISSION LAST OCTOBER I HAVE INVOLVED MYSELF PERSONALLY IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS TO INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THIS SUBJECT. I HAVE PUBLICLY STATED THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALL MY PRESS CONFERENCES, SPEECHES AND OTHER STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION AND THESE HAVE BEEN GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY IN THE LOCAL MEDIA.
 3. AS THE EMBASSY HAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, THERE ARE NO VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONDURAS. THERE IS COMPLETE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, THE RIGHT OF DISSENT IS RESPECTED WITH NO RETALIATION OF ANY KIND, AND THERE ARE NO POLITICAL PRISONERS. POLITICAL PARTIES ARE FREE TO ORGANIZE AND HOLD INTERNAL MEETINGS, AND THESE RECEIVE FULL
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PUBLICITY IN THE PRESS. THE CHIEF OF STATE, HIS WIFE, AND OTHER GOH OFFICIALS HAVE STATED PUBLICLY ON A NUMBER OF RECENT OCCASIONS THAT FREE ELECTIONS WILL BE CONVENED IN 1979. THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE, HEADED BY COLONEL ELVIR SIERRA, HAS BEEN HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON A DRAFT DECREE TO PROVIDE THE MACHINERY FOR THE ELECTIONS. FORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NO HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS HERE EXCEPT THE LACK OF ELECTIONS, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT

THE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN 1979 AS PROMISED.

4. I HAVE DISCUSSED HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ELECTIONS WITH THE CHIEF OF STATE AND OTHER TOP GOH OFFICIALS ON MANY OCCASIONS, AND THEY ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHES TO THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THESE BASIC RIGHTS. THEY SUPPORT PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSITION, AND I FEEL CERTAIN THAT WE CAN COUNT ON HONDURAS TO ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PROMOTE AND RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS.
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